



HAMILTON BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA

MINUTES
2023 Annual General Meeting
November 9, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Call to order – 6:03 pm

1. Welcome, Remarks and Confirmation of Calling of Meeting – Evan Apostol, Chair welcomed everyone to the BIA’s Annual General Meeting.

He requested confirmation from Emily Walsh, Executive Director of the BIA that the meeting notice for this meeting was sent out in accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws to all property owners and businesses within our area in the prescribed timetable to ensure compliance. This was confirmed.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda by Membership
Motion: That the Agenda for the 2023 Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area Annual General Meeting be adopted. Moved by L. LaRocca, Seconded by J. Morse CARRIED

3. Greetings from Community Partners
 - a) Ward 2 Councilor - Cameron Kroetsch – Councilor Kroetsch discussed both issues surrounding the downtown core and upcoming improvements to the area. Indicated that BIAs are powerful tools for advocacy within the city.
 - b) Economic Development Division - Cristina Geissler – Gave an overview of events that the City of Hamilton undertook in 2023, including some that are scheduled for the rest of the year. Then discussed some upcoming events and initiatives that would begin in 2024.
 - c) Hamilton Police Services - A/Sgt. Alex Buck – Discussed some of the initiatives that the Hamilton Police Services are currently undertaking, and indicated that business or property owners could share their concerns with the BIA to be passed along to HPS.

4. 2023 Activity Report – Emily Gilruth, Operations Manager presented highlights from the last year.

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5. Approval of Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting
Motion: That the Minutes of the 2022 Downtown Hamilton BIA Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated. Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED

6. Treasurer's Report – Francis Zanetti, Treasurer went over the audited 2022 financial statements from KPMG, the city's auditors:
 - a) 2022 Audited Financial Statements
Motion: That the 2022 Downtown Hamilton BIA audited financial statements be received. Moved by C. Pshyk, Seconded by J. Morse CARRIED
 - b) 2023 Budget
Motion: That the 2023 Downtown Hamilton BIA budget be approved. Moved by J. Morse, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED

7. Closing Remarks – Evan Apostol, Chair – Evan thanked everyone for coming and their continued support of the BIA throughout the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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